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GENEALOGY

"A history of the descent of an individual or family from an ancestor; pedigree; lineage."
—Webster's Dictionary.

McREYNOLDS

There is no death; what seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death.

—H. W. LONGFELLOW.

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PROLOGUE

By ALVIN McREYNOLDS

IN MY investigation into the genealogy of the McReynolds family I learned of records which had been prepared and had been found by members of the family among the effects of the deceased, as far back as fifty years ago, which had been destroyed or lost as time passed. This brought about the idea of preserving to future generations as much as I could gather together in the way of family history, in a form not so easily lost as written accounts.

ALVIN McREYNOLDS
1861

My great grandfather, Robert McReynolds, was born in 1772, and was married May 19, 1796 to Frances Fleming. To them was born thirteen children, the eldest of whom was a boy, born March 28, 1797, named Joseph and was my paternal grandfather.

Grandfather McReynolds married Barbara Butt on December 23, 1819; three sons resulting from that marriage, Daniel, John and Robert, and after the death of his wife, December 12, 1824, was married on January 12, 1826, to Elizabeth Butt, his first wife's sister, who had always made her home with her sister and brother-in-law. Three boys and two girls, Henry, Joseph F., Michael Frances and Elizabeth, resulted from this marriage.

Joseph F., my father, was born April 28, 1830, and was married to Mary Nelson, of English parentage, June 12, 1854, at Evansville, Ind. Five children were born in this wedlock, four boys and one girl. The two eldest of the children died in infancy, Daniel and Frank; Joseph F., Alvin and sister, Harriet. Father died December 24, 1884, aged 54, and mother on October 19, 1922, in her 93d year. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, at Evansville, Ind.

I was born June 21, 1861, and learned the art of printing as a means of livelihood, completing my apprenticeship thereto in Evansville, Ind., in 1882, on the then Evansville Journal. At that time I cast my lot with the International Typographical Union. Seeking a new field of endeavor, I transferred my membership in the organization to Cincinnati, and became a member of the composing room staff of the Times-Star. On February 17, 1897, I was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Dreiss Hall, and have one daughter and two granddaughters, one of whom is a child of a step-daughter.

My life in Cincinnati has been, to me, an eventful one. In my youthful days I was active in Cincinnati Typographical Union affairs, being elected successively as vice president and president, serving two years in each position. In 1903 I served as reading clerk at the International Typographical Union Convention at Washington, D. C. In 1904 I was elected delegate to the International Typographical Union Convention, held at St. Louis, and in 1911 was again selected as delegate to the International Convention, held at San Francisco, Cal. I was appointed a member of the Law Committee at this meeting by International President James M. Lynch, recently deceased.

While a resident of Newport, Ky., I was elected a member of the Board of Education, serving two years, and declined a renomination. Became a Baptist by confession of faith and baptism, in the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, O., about forty years ago; later transferred my membership to the First Baptist Church of Newport, Ky., where I served on the official board as church clerk. Church membership now in the Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Cincinnati.

Recently I became acquainted with Miss Mary M. McReynolds of Michigan City, Ind., and making a personal call, learned that her father, Samuel McReynolds, was an uncle of my father, being the youngest brother of my grandfather. Therefore we were distantly related. Miss Mary informed me that among her father's papers, after his demise, had been found "a brief account of his ancestors and father's family," bearing date of March 1, 1883, written in the sixty-third year of his life.

Considering his statement as to the family origin accurate, it is hereby reproduced:

ORIGIN

A Brief Account of My Ancestors and Father's Family.

"MY great grandfather was born and reared in Scotland, subsequently went to Ireland and there married an Irish lady. He was in the seige of Londonderry, Ireland, where the Protestants were beseiged by their enemies. . . . One evening the besieged held a council, at which it was unanimously agreed to march out the next morning at sunrise and either fight their way through the ranks of their besiegers or every one die in the attempt, each pledging himself to the other not to be taken alive by the enemy. That night, to their great joy, the British fleet, which had been detained by an obstruction placed across the river Thames by the besiegers came to their relief and the enemy immediately dispersed.

Samuel McReynolds
1820—1894

"My great grandfather and his wife, some time subsequent to the above occurrence, in company with a brother and sister, emigrated to the United States of America—about forty years before the Revolutionary War. I believe he settled in North Carolina. He soon after became separated from his brother and sister and never heard of them afterwards.

"My grandfather was born on the ocean as his parents came to this country. I believe he lived in North Carolina until after my father's birth, who was the seventh child amongst a family of thirteen. The oldest son, my Uncle Joseph, was drafted into the United States service and went into the army at the age of sixteen years, and was wounded at the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, in August, 1780—known as Gate's defeat—and was not heard of until the March following. Grandfather was a recruiting officer of the Revolution. After the close of the war, he settled in Virginia, in Washington County, not far from Abingdon, I believe, where my father was mostly reared.

"My father, whose name was Robert, was born February 7, 1772; was married May 17, 1796. My mother's name was Frances Fleming; she was born on December 26, 1777, of English parents. In his youth father learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for many years, somewhere in the State of Tennessee (East Tennessee, I believe). In the spring of 1812, he settled in Miami county, O., quit blacksmithing and became a farmer. He was in the army about six months during the war of 1812. In the spring of 1815 he purchased land of James Robinson in Montgomery county, O., near Mad river, four miles east of Dayton, where he lived until his death, on February 17, 1843. Mother's death took place at Brother Joseph's, near Dayton, O., August 15, 1846. Their earthly remains rest in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, O. At his death father had forty living grandchildren and fourteen dead.

"I was born in Montgomery county, O., March 25, 1820; was raised on the farm and learned to till the soil. In March, 1843, after mature and serious consideration, I attended a course of religious instruction. In the spring of 1847 I was solemnly ordained to the ministry in Germantown, Montgomery County, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. On February 21, 1850, was married in Kokomo, Ind., to Maria, oldest daughter of George and Catharine Deffenbaugh. After serving the church to the best of my ability for twenty years, I suffered a breakdown and, on the advice of my physician, resigned my charge, and later accepted employment as agent for a nursery firm of New York and located at Kokomo.

"In the providence of God I have been intrusted with a family of five children, born as follows: William H., January 23, 1851; John F., January 29, 1853; Martin L., September 12, 1855; George E., December 5, 1857, and Mary Minnie. It has been my desire that my children, if their lives be spared, should be useful members of society and to this end I have always tried to inculcate in their minds the principals of honesty and integrity in the fear of God and have reason to believe that my efforts in that direction have not been in vain.

"I am now nearly sixty-three years of age and feel that a very few years more at the farthest and I will be gathered to my Father's.

"I leave this statement so my children and friends, when I am gone, may have a brief sketch of my life and ancestry.

"SAMUEL McREYNOLDS.

"Kokomo, Ind., March 1, 1883."

They are not dead. They are just away.
Think of them, then, as faring forth,
As dear in the love of there, as the love of here.

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

FAMILY RECORDS

Compiled by Samuel McReynolds (1820-1894), by John McReynolds (1822-1899) and Alvin McReynolds (1861).

Family of Robert and Martha McReynolds

Name.	Date of Birth.
Joseph	October 5, 1760
Sarah	March 27, 1762
James	March 20, 1764
Samuel	February 26, 1766
Mary	September 15, 1767
John	January 31, 1770
Robert	February 7, 1772
Samuel	May 2, 1776
Thomas	February 14, 1777
Stephan	August 14, 1778
Martha	Septmeber 5, 1780
Hanna	February 18, 1783
William	January 18, 1787

Family of Robert and Frances McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Robert McReynolds...	Feb. 7, 1772	May 19, 1796	Feb. 19, 1843
Frances Fleming.....	Dec. 26, 1777	May 19, 1796	Aug. 15, 1846
Children—			
Joseph	Mch. 28, 1797	Dec. 23, 1819	May 3, 1869
Barbara Butt..... (First wife)	Aug. 19, 1802	Dec. 23, 1819	Dec. 12, 1824
Elizabeth Butt..... (Second wife)	Jan. 6, 1797	Jan. 12, 1826	Oct. 25, 1874
Martha	April 1, 1799	May 21, 1818	Feb. 22, 1873
Louis R. Strong... ... (Husband)	June 6, 1796	May 21, 1818	Feb. 3, 1835
Mary Ann.....	Aug. 6, 1800	Dec. 2, 1823	April 14, 1855
John Snodgrass..... (Husband)	Sept. 17, 1797	Dec. 2, 1823	Aug. 1, 1854
Lucinda	Aug. 31, 1802	Dec. 21, 1824	Oct. 6, 1861
Michael Daugherty.... (Husband)	Nov. 1, 1801	Dec. 21, 1824	Feb. 8, 1882
John F. McReynolds..	Sept. 2, 1804	Jan. 21, 1834	Jan. 13, 1864
Mary McCleve Smith.. (Wife)	Jan. 23, 1814	Jan. 21, 1834	May 12, 1889
Robert	April 1, 1807	Nov. 21, 1833	Mch. 20, 1876
Ruth Logan... ..... (Wife)	Jan. 20, 1814	Nov. 21, 1833	Aug. 11, 1870
Frances	Dec. 30, 1808	Mch. 8, 1827	Oct. 22, 1850
Emanuel Humbert..... (Husband)	May 15, 1802	Mch. 8, 1827	Mch. 31, 1880
Nancy	Nov. 25, 1810	May 21, 1833	July 1, 1880
Ebenezer Frost..... (Husband)	Aug. 13, 1808	May 21, 1833	Aug. 31, 1888
James	Jan. 10, 1812	July 16, 1848	Aug. 7, 1876
Mary Stauffer Smith.. (Wife)	May 11, 1811	July 16, 1848	Mch. 15, 1886
Elizabeth	July 4, 1814	June 21, 1842	Dec. 25, 1895
Hamilton Roney... .... (Husband)	April 4, 1806	June 21, 1842	Mch. 3, 1881
Rebecca	July 30, 1816	Feb. 4, 1836	Nor. 29, 1886
Jacob Fallis..... (Husband)	Jan. 15, 1809	Feb. 4, 1836	Dec. 20, 1852
Daughter (still born)..	.....	.....	April .., 1819
Samuel	Mch. 25, 1820	Feb. 21, 1850	May 24, 1894
Maria Deffenbaugh.... (Wife)	July 29, 1823	Feb. 21, 1850	June 10, 1897

Occupation of the male members of the above family:

Robert (father) worked as blacksmith in early manhood; settled on farm in Montgomery county, O., in 1813. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, O.

Joseph (eldest son), ran a dairy farm near Dayton, and was said to be the first dairyman to deliver milk direct to home. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, O.

John F. was a practicing physician. A recent letter from Mrs. D. N. McReynolds, a daughter-in-law of John's, stated that she was nearing 84 years of age, and was the last living representative of this family.

James chose private detective work as his line of occupation.

Samuel an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church for twenty years; health failed and he afterward represented an Eastern nursery firm as agent. Buried in Kokomo (Ind.) Cemetery.

Family of Joseph and Barbara McReynolds

(First Marriage)

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Joseph McReynolds...	Mch. 28, 1797	Dec. 23, 1819	May 3, 1860
Barbara Butt.....	Aug. 19, 1802	Dec. 23, 1819	Dec. 12, 1824
Children—			
Daniel	Sept. 20, 1820	.....	Jan. 7, 1841
John	Aug. 18, 1822	Sept. 11, 1845	Dec. 14, 1899
Sarah Garver..... (Wife)	Aug. 21, 1821	Sept. 11, 1845	Jan. 10, 1912
Robert	Nov. 6, 1824	Jan. 1, 1850	April 22, 1886
Susan Reynolds..... (First wife)	July 15, 1831	Jan. 1, 1850	July 15, 1855
Hadasa Jane Reynolds. (Second wife)	Feb. 6, 1837	Feb. 12, 1862	.....

Occupation of boys of above family:

John, cabinetmaker and general contractor. A civil war veteran. Buried in Woodland.

Robert was a photographer, with a studio in Dayton. Buried in Woodland Cemetery.

Family of Joseph and Elizabeth McReynolds

(Second Marriage)

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Joseph McReynolds...	Mch. 28, 1797	Jan. 12, 1896	May 3, 1860
Elizabeth Butt.....	Jan. 6, 1797	Jan. 12, 1826	Oct. 25, 1874
Children—			
Henry McReynolds....	Oct. 8, 1826	Meh. 13, 1851	July 20, 1891
Elizabeth S. Morgan.. (Wife)	Feb. 8, 1833	Mch. 13, 1851	.....
Joseph F. McReynolds..	April 28, 1830	June 12, 1854	Dec. 20, 1884
Mary Nelson..... (Wife)	Aug. 13, 1831	June 12, 1854	Oct. 10, 1923
Michael McReynolds..	Sept. 13, 1832	Mch. 6, 1859	July 15, 1880
Anna L..... (Wife)	Feb. 14, 1833	Mch. 6, 1859	.....
Frances McReynolds..	Oct. 13, 1834	June 28, 1854	April 14, 1865
G. W. Gillespie..... (Husband)	.....	June 28, 1854	.....
Elizabeth McReynolds..	May 4, 1838	May 24, 1863	Jan. 20, 1892
James Fleming..... (Husband)	Oct. 23, 1837	May 24, 1863	April 28, 1912

Henry, shoemaker in early life; went West; unknown as to deseendants and burial.

Joseph F. learned baking trade; during civil war became clerk on river craft; held master and pilot license at time of death. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Ind.

Michael's entire life was spent in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad; local agent at Dayton, O., at time of death. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, O.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN McREYNOLDS

Charles H. (son), born September 2, 1846; married to Deborah Peak, August 24, 1871; died May 15, 1914; wife died November 15, 1923. Children, John E., born February 28, 1873; Thomas W., born December 1, 1875; Robert C., born June 7, 1878; died January 6, 1927; Joseph R., born May 11, 1881; Bessie E., born August 23, 1883; Russell T., born March 3, 1890.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH F. McREYNOLDS

Joseph F., Jr., born September 18, 1859; died March 2, 1898; Alvin, born June 21, 1861; Harriet, born January 26, 1864. Children of Joseph F., Jr., Ralph, Isabel and Mary Elizabeth (died December 20, 1902.) Children of Alvin, Viva M. (dead), first marriage; Helen G., second marriage. Children of Harriet, Roy and Marie (dead) Worthington.

DESCENDANTS OF MICHAEL McREYNOLDS

Horace, born April 8, 1860; married to Susan C. McCaffery on February 3, 1887; died August 1, 1910; wife died December 21, 1918. One son survived, Horace II., who married Henrietta Louise Rabe, November 20, 1916. After the death of his wife he married Miss Helen Buckley, and Horace III., is now the youngest member of the family, born February 5, 1928.

Annie, daughter, born October 3, 1864; married Albert Pine, in Evansville, Ind. Two children, Bernice, who died in childhood, and Etha, born October 7, 1892; married September 14, 1924; husband died January 24, 1931. No children. Albert Pine died August 20, 1923.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH McREYNOLDS FLEMING

Children: Reta B., Ira O., Ora O., Elva L., Earl M., Fannie L., Elizabeth and Altha. Grandchildren: Edward J., Ethel, May, Earl, Hazel and Roland, children of Reta and Edward Mehlberth; Herbert J., Claire, Edwin and Roy, children of Ira O. and Mary Fleming; Glenn O., Floyd, Harold, Elwood and Viola, children of Elva and Allen Haines; Mildred, James and Lawayne, children of Fannie and Louis J. Miles; Roland, son of Elizabeth and John Hoover; Richard, son of Altha and Richard Zimmerman.

Family of Samuel and Maria Deffenbach McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Samuel McReynolds..	Mch. 25, 1820	Feb. 21, 1850	May 24, 1894
Maria Deffenbaugh...	July 29, 1823	Feb. 21, 1850	June 10, 1897
Children—			
William Henry.....	Jan. 23, 1851	Dec. 12, 1889	Oct. 14, 1924
Amanda V. Meranda. Wife	April 15, 1861	Dec. 12, 1889	Aug. 8, 1921
John Fleming.....	Jan. 29, 1853	.....	June 18, 1879
Martin Luther.....	Sept. 12, 1855	.....	Oct. 28, 1892
George Martin.....	Dec. 5, 1857	.....	Jan. 30, 1926
Mary Minnie.....	[illegible]	.....	.....

GRANDCHILDREN

William Henry McReynolds married Miss Amanda Viola Meranda. Their children are: Clarence Samuel, born December 29, 1890; Mabel Katherine, born October 21, 1892, and George Martin, born March 1, 1897.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Clarence Samuel, born December 29, 1890; married Doris L. McKinney of Clearbrook, Minn., May 14, 1925. Children, Mavis Maxine (girl), born October 14, 1926; George William (boy), born November 10, 1928; Stanley Eugene (boy), born July 28, 1931.

Clarence Samuel McReynolds graduated from Kokomo High School in 1910. Settled in Clearwater County, Minn., in March, 1912, which has been his permanent residence since. Served over nine months in army during World War. Taught ten terms of public school and is engaged in farming, at the present time specializing in bees and the production of honey.

Mabel Katherine McReynolds married February 23, 1913, to Edward Alfred Lucas. Children, Ruth Elizabeth Lucas, born April 11, 1917; James Edward Lucas, born April 8, 1920; George Charles Lucas, born March 1, 1922, and Mary Edna Lucas, born December 2, 1924. On farm near Kokomo, Ind.

Portraits of Five Generations

Joseph McReynolds (1797), father of Joseph F. (1830); grandfather of Joseph F. Jr. (1859) great grandfather to Ralph (1886); great great grandfather to Ralph, Jr. (1923).

Family of Joseph F. and Mary Nelson McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Joseph F. McReynolds.	April 28, 1830	June 12, 1854	Dec. 20, 1884
Mary Nelson..... (Wife)	Aug. 13, 1831	June 12, 1854	Oct. 19, 1923
Children—			
Joseph F., Jr.....	Sept. 13, 1850	Sept. 25, 1884	Mch. 2, 1898
Alvin	June 21, 1861	Feb. 19, 1896	.....
Harriet.....	Jan. 26, 1864	Jan. 30, 1884	.....
Netter Worthington... (Husband)	July 30, 1862	Jan. 30, 1884	.....

Daniel and Frank, two first born of children in family, died in infancy.

Joseph F., grocery clerk, and then traveling salesman. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Ind.

Alvin learned the printing trade; moved to Cincinnati in 1882; on Times-Star of that city since then.

Family of Joseph F., Jr., and Laura Croft McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Joseph F. McReynolds	Sept. 13, 1859	Sept. 25, 1884	Mch. 2, 1898
Laura Crofts..... (Wife)	April 12, 1863	Sept. 25, 1884	.....
Children—			
Ralph	Mch. 3, 1886	Dec. 26, 1821	.....
Isabel	Aug. 3, 1887	.....	.....
Mary Elizabeth.....	July 2, 1889	.....	Dec. 20, 1902

Ralph, former vice president of American Trust and Savings Bank; now has an insurance agency at Evansville, Ind.

Family of Alvin and Mary D. Hall McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Alvin McReynolds.....	June 21, 1861	Feb. 19, 1896	.....
Mary Driess Hall (Wife)	April 8, 1864	Feb. 19, 1896	.....
Children—			
Helen G.....	Sept. 7, 1897	Jan. 10, 1922	.....
Karl G. Drach..... (Husband)	July 23, 1888	Jan. 10, 1924	.....

Family of Ralph and Alma Rimroth McReynolds

Names.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Ralph McReynolds....	Mch. 3, 1886	Dec. 26, 1921	.....
Alma Rimroth..... (Wife)	Oct. 14, 1885	Dec. 26, 1921	.....
Children—			
Ralph, Jr.....	July 18, 1923	.....	.....

The followlng letters, written in reply to one seeking informatlon relative to family origin, are interesting: that of Justice James C. McReynolds verlfying the information of Samuel McReynolds about the settlement near Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, of his ancestors.

The letter of Mr. John C. McReynolds contains the interesting statement that on a visit to Scotland, some years ago, he was unable to find any of our family name in the directories of Scotland.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Alvin McReynolds,
Care The Times-Star, Cincinnati, O.

602, The Rochambeau,
November 19, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 17 concerning the McReynolds family in the United States is here. You are probably descended from Joseph McReynolds, who came to this country from Ireland about 1740.

The first McReynolds of whom I know anything was John. He was a Highland Scotchman, enlisted in the English Army, and was within the walls during the siege of Londonderry in 1690. He settled in Ireland and I suspect added the "Mc" to his name. His wife and two sons, Joseph and James, came to America about 1740. The sons remained for a while in Pennsylvania and then removed to Virginia. James settled in Bedford, afterwards Campbell, afterwards Appomattox County, Virginia, and reared a large family of boys. Joseph settled in Washington County, Virginia, and there reared a large family. Some of them went to East Tennessee and I suspect your forebear was among them.

With the hope that the foregoing may be of some assistance to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. C. McREYNOLDS.

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
JOHN O. McREYNOLDS, President
MERCANTILE BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. Alvin McReynolds,
Care The Times-Star, Cincinnati, O.

November 30, 1931.

My Dear Mr. McReynolds:

Your letter of November 17 has just been referred to me upon my return to Dallas, and I am writing at once to express my appreciation of the same.

The history of our branch of the McReynolds family in this country begins after the siege of Londonderry in the North of Ireland. They came to this country immediately after they escaped from this siege. Our information is that they were Scotch Presbyterians and were moved into the North of Ireland by Oliver Cromwell, and the name "Oliver" has been since then frequent in the family.

My immediate family consists of one brother, Mr. J. C. McReynolds of Knoxville, Tenn., and one sister, Mrs. John H. Moore of Nashville, Tenn. I have also three first cousins, Justice James C. McReynolds of the Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., and his brother, Robert P. McReynolds of Los Angeles, Cal., and his sister, Mrs. Mary McReynolds Zarecor of Elkton, Ky.

Some years ago on a visit to Scotland I looked through the directory of that country and I found that there were none of our family remaining in Scotland. They were evidently moved from Scotland to Ireland after the siege of Londonderry and then came to this country.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JNO. O. McREYNOLDS.

THE McREYNOLDS FAMILY

Some years ago this chronicler wondered how many of his friends could tell, offhand, just where they were born. For instance, the house in which one was born. Where it is. Or where it used to stand. Nowadays most of the youngsters begin life in hospitals. But in the older days youngsters were born where their parents happened to reside at the time. Anyway, at the time. I queried many of my acquaintances, some of them leaders in their fields It was astonishing to find so many who could name the city of their birth, but no more. Not even the street. It was even more astonishing to learn that not a great many men can tell offhand, the names of one or both of their grandfathers. A greater rarity is the man who can tell you the names of his quartet of great-grandfathers. It could be that our United States of America is such a comparatively young country that it is our instinct to look forward with no thought of glancing backward, geneologically, to view the branches from which we sprang.

I was keenly interested, some months ago, when I learned that Alvin McReynolds, Times-Star printer in charge of news copy distribution, was laboring diligently in the preparation of a genealogy of his family. And the McReynolds have been Americans for two hundred years! His patient research, coupled with his knowledge already at hand, has resulted in a complete genealogy, with the names of his ancestors, dates of births, marriages and deaths complete. McReynolds will print the results of his work ror distribution among his family. It should be a most valuable legacy to his own children, far more important than mere wealth. That great thinker, Dr. Samuel Johnson, away back in 1772, discussed family lines with James Boswell Although his own ancestral past was obscure, Dr. Johnson believed that knowledge of family, handed down from parent to child, was one of the most valuable of legacies. It increased one's self-respect, he said, and it also was a great political and social asset. Boswell. himself the offspring of a very ancient Scottish family, did not forget to record Dr. Johnson's views on the subject of "old families" when he wrote the biography of that great philosopher.

There is no getting away from the fact, as Dr. Johnson believed, that a man teetering on the point of going wrong may hesitate, and then stay right, on the sole consideration that he must not wrong the race that gave him his being and his name. Even though they are mere shadows, so far as breathing life is concerned, he may have the uncomfortable feeling that they are watching him, and their honor is in his keeping.

The McReynolds family began in Scotland, and not only do their successive portraits disclose singular similarity as to feature, but the God-fearing characteristics of the successive McReynolds is apparent in their histories. Also, they were intensely republican. Their republicanism flowered in the time of Oliver Cromwell, and it is not odd to find that through various generations the name of Oliver is a frequent one given at their christenings. The first of the line of McReynolds touched upon here, came to America from Scotland 200 years ago, and his family became thoroughly loyally American, yet you get a distinct impression at first sight of Alvin McReynolds. at his desk, that he is Scotch—a very straight-going, firm-minded Scotchman. You look at a portrait of his grandsires—even one of them who lived and wore a beard before the time of the American Revolutionary War — and you see an earlier edition of Alvin McReynolds. It is all very odd and no less interesting.

—Cincinnati Times Star, March 14, 1932

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